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Assistant Director for Operations 5 April 1950

Chief, FBID

Progress report for March 1950.

1. All Albanian language coverage was dropped as a result of the Egyptian Government's reluctance to renew Laissez-Passers which expired this month for FBID Albanian monitors at the Mediterranean Bureau. After intercession by U.S. embassy officials and FBID discussions in Cairo with the Egyptian Government authorities, the Egyptian Government agreed to favorably consider the renewal of residence status in Egypt for these individuals for a period of one year. It is believed that this situation will be stabilized by 15 April 1950 at which time Albanian language coverage will be fully resumed.

2. [redacted] Chief of Tokyo Bureau, has completed a recruiting trip through Southeast Asia for six linguists to be trained as monitors at the Okinawa Bureau. Individuals with language proficiency in Vietnamese, Burmese, Thai, Mandarin-Army and Mongolian were especially sought. [redacted] successfully accomplished his mission. 50X1 50X1

3. The following special reports were spontaneously prepared for the White House:

a. "Foreign Radio Reactions to Senator McMahon's 1 March Speech."

b. "Foreign Radio Reactions to Secretary Acheson's Berkeley Speech." [redacted] 50X1

In response to a CD request, a report entitled "Reported Soviet 'Spring Plan' for a Free Macedonian Republic Comprising Parts of Bulgaria near the Greek-Yugoslav Border" was prepared.

4. [redacted] FBID Administrative Officer has returned from a tour of inspection of all FBID field stations. 50X1

5. Trial runs of London traffic have been filed via Navy circuits in an effort to alleviate the present backlog accumulated on Army Signals. Although it is a slower channel owing to problems of indirect routing which cannot readily be avoided, it will provide some immediate assistance and additional insurance in case of an emergency.

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6. In response to requests from OCE and OCD who are interested in a periodic collation of monitored material relating to Asia, a sample "Survey of Far East Radio Broadcasts" was prepared.

7. As an aid to standardized procedure, lists of standard broadcast identification lines (logographs) were mimeographed and distributed departmentally and to field bureaus.

8. A conference between Industrial Register, OCD staff and FBID USSR—Eastern European Information Abstract editors clarified a number of dubious points concerning Abstract coverage and format.

9. A Table of Contents was added to the USSR section of the Daily Report.

10. New Daily Report cover layouts were developed for printing upon adoption of the photolith method of reproduction.

11. Distribution of unpublished Moscow commentaries to Eastern European Branch, IRI, Department of State, was discontinued at their request.

12. A daily average of 11,000 words was filed to the FBIS during March.

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